



Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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Introductions

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Iowa Finance Authority 101

History

- 1975 – Iowa Housing Finance Authority created
- 1977 – Iowa Supreme Court – Grubb
- 1980 – FTE = 8
- 1986 – Title Guaranty Division created
- 1987 – SRF created
- 1989 – FTE = 20
- 2000 – HUD Section 8 PBCA Awarded
- 2002 – FTE = 79

History

- 2004 – Several programs added
 - Senior Living Revolving Fund
 - Home & Community-Based Services Revolving Loan Fund
 - Home & Community-Based Rent Subsidy
 - Aftercare Rent Subsidy
- 2008 – Iowa Council on Homelessness codified
- 2010 – HOME program moves to IFA from IDED
- 2013 – Iowa Ag Development Authority becomes IADD at IFA

IFA Today

- \$2.6 Billion assets under management
- Approximately 40 programs
- 92 FTEs

Perspective: Largest Iowa-Based Financial Institutions

Institution Name	City	Total Assets (\$000)
Bankers Trust Company	Des Moines	\$3,306,863
Iowa Finance Authority	Statewide	\$2,637,603
Principal Bank	Des Moines	\$2,451,847
Hills Bank and Trust Company	Hills	\$2,116,753
MidWestOne Bank	Iowa City	\$1,773,485
MetaBank	Storm Lake	\$1,738,004
Dubuque Bank and Trust	Dubuque	\$1,436,744
West Bank	West Des Moines	\$1,424,074
United Bank of Iowa	Ida Grove	\$1,239,784
Quad City Bank and Trust	Bettendorf	\$1,233,332
Bank Iowa	West Des Moines	\$1,164,460



Overview

Core Program Areas:

- Affordable Rental
- Affordable Homeownership
- Iowa Title Guaranty
- Community Development
- Water Quality
- Iowa Agricultural Development Division (7.1.13)



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Affordable Homeownership

The Iowa Finance Authority helps approximately 1,000 Iowa home buyers realize their dream of homeownership each year.

Iowa Finance Authority administers Iowa's allocation of federal tax exempt private activity bond volume cap to invest in mortgage backed securities & provide tax credits for qualified Iowa home buyers.

Homeownership Activities include:

- Low-Cost First Mortgage Financing
- Mortgage Credit Certificates
- Entry Cost Subsidies (including Military Homeownership Assistance)



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Affordable Rental

Project-Based Section 8

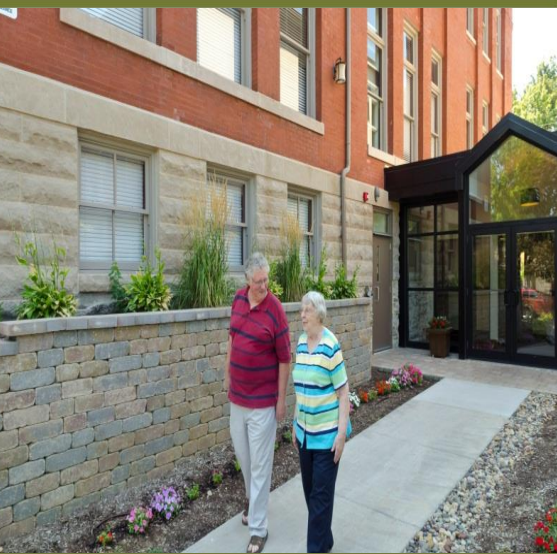
- Oversight of 223 Section 8 properties
- Serves 12,000 low-income lowans in 73 counties

HOME Program

- Administrator since July, 2010
- Rental
- Homeownership
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Federal Housing Tax Credit Program

- Since 1986
- Invested in 600 properties and 23,000 units throughout Iowa



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Affordable Rental

State Housing Trust Fund

- Local Housing Trust Fund Program
- Project-Based Housing Program
- \$3.48 in other funds leveraged for every \$1 of SHTF funding

Homelessness Program

- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- Shelter Assistance Fund



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Iowa Title Guaranty

- Created by the Iowa Legislature in 1986
- Helps assure integrity of the Land Title System
- Successful public/private partnership with
 - 1,118 participating attorneys
 - 190 abstractors
 - 267 escrow closers
 - Coverage for 1,343 lenders



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Agricultural Development

- Beginning Farmer Loan Program
- Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program
- Custom Farming Tax Credit Program
- Loan Participation Program



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State Revolving Fund

- Low interest loans for public water and wastewater infrastructure
 - 1.75% interest
- Over \$2.3 billion in total loans closed since programs began
- Approximately 500 different borrowers (cities, counties, sanitary districts, municipal utilities) have benefited from the SRF
- Provides low-cost funds for nonpoint source water quality projects



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IowaHousingSearch.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of IowaHousingSearch.org. At the top is a dark red navigation bar with links: Home, Find Housing, List Housing, Info & Links, Disaster Housing, Trainings, About Us, and Contact Us. Below this is a large banner featuring a 3D map of Iowa with a house icon on a pin. The text "IowaHousingSearch.org" is prominently displayed in white, with the tagline "Iowa's free rental housing locator" in a smaller, italicized font below it. To the right of the map, there are links for "Login", "English", "Español", and a "Select Language" dropdown menu. On the left side of the main content area, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to IowaHousingSearch.org, a free resource to help you find a rental home that fits your needs and budget. Property providers can list apartments or homes for rent any time, which means our list is always current." On the right side, there are three large, yellow buttons with icons and text: "Find Housing" (with a magnifying glass icon), "List Housing" (with a house icon), and "Info & Links" (with an information icon).

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What is ESG?

The Purpose of the ESG Program

- To assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.
- <https://www.onecpd.info/esg/>

Basic ESG Facts

- A federal program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Formula grants to states and some metropolitan cities.
- Authorization: McKinney Vento Act; 2009 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act—along with the Continuum of Care Program.

“Performance Indicators” of the HEARTH Act

- Length of time homeless
- Recidivism (subsequent return to homelessness)
- Access/coverage (thoroughness in reaching persons who are homeless)
- Overall reduction in number of persons who experience homelessness
- Job and income growth for persons who are homeless
- Reduction in first time homeless
- Other accomplishments related to reducing homelessness

ESG Program Planning

- Formula grantees (states and localities) required to submit a Consolidated Plan to HUD every five years for a collection of programs—Community Development Block Grant, HOME Opportunities Investment Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and ESG.
- Also required to submit Annual Action Plans every year that update the Consolidated Plan.
- Required to solicit community input and feedback for all stages of the process.
- Also now required to consult with the applicable Continuum of Cares (CoC) in a jurisdiction. For IFA's ESG program, that is mostly the Iowa Balance of State.
- The decision-making body the Iowa Balance of State CoC is the Iowa Council on Homelessness.
- IFA therefore consults with the council regarding the ESG program.

Types of Assistance

- Street Outreach
- Shelter
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing

Street Outreach

- Essential services for unsheltered homeless persons
 - Connecting persons with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services.
 - Providing urgent, non-facility-based care to unsheltered homeless persons who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.
 - Engagement, case management, emergency health services, emergency mental health services, transportation.

Shelter

- Essential Services for clients
 - Case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, transportation, and services for special populations
- Operations for Emergency Shelters
 - Maintenance, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies
 - Can also include hotel or motel voucher if no emergency shelter available

Transitional Housing (Shelter)

- Interim Regulations define Emergency Shelter to include a “hold harmless” provision for transitional shelter/housing projects, if certain conditions are met.
- Essentially such projects are “grandfathered in” for eligibility as Emergency Shelters.

Homelessness Prevention and/or Rapid Rehousing

- Rental Assistance
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - Financial assistance costs
 - Short/Medium term rental arrears, rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs
 - Services costs
 - Housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair

The Iowa Statewide ESG Program

ESG in Iowa

- In Iowa, three total federal grants are typically made each year: one to the state, one to Des Moines, and one to Sioux City.
- The Iowa Finance Authority is responsible for Iowa's state allocation of funds.
- 25 subgrantees for 2015
- More than \$2.5 million total
- ESG programs providing:
 - Street Outreach: 2
 - Shelter: 20
 - Rapid Rehousing: 15
 - Homelessness Prevention: 12

ESG and the Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF)

- The State Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF) is another source of funding for shelters, also managed by the Iowa Finance Authority.
- SAF rules changed in 2014: better match the SAF legislation; focused on supporting Shelter
- SAF in 2015: 25 grantees/approximately \$830k
- Agencies may apply for/receive either ESG or SAF, but not both

Program Requirements: Termination of Assistance

- Establish and implement a formal notification and appeals process for the termination of assistance to individuals or families who violate program requirements, in accordance with the minimum standards of 24 CFR Part 576.402, the federal ESG Rules and Regulations.

Program Requirements: Access to Mainstream Services and Resources

- All program participants are assisted, to the maximum extent practicable, in obtaining mainstream services and financial assistance, including housing, health, social services, employment, education, and youth programs for which participants may be eligible.

Program Requirements: Accessibility

- Ensure that the grant-funded program or activity is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including providing reasonable accommodations so that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate.

Program Requirements:

Coordination with Other Homeless Services

- Coordinate and integrate, to the maximum extent practicable, grant-funded activities with other homeless service programs in the community.

Program Requirements:

Requirements for Religious Organizations

- Prohibited from engaging in religious proselytizing or counseling, utilizing ESG funds, or requiring attendance at religious services as a requirement or condition to receive services, or limiting services or giving preference to persons on the basis of religion.

Program Requirements: Coordinated Intake/Assessment

- Required to participate in a coordinated intake/assessment system, beginning when the HUD-recognized Continuum of Care operating in the Recipient's geographic area has developed and implemented a system that meets the minimum requirements of HUD's Continuum of Care Interim Rule for such systems. Such a system must include provisions to meet the separate requirements of recipients that are victim service providers.

Program Requirements: Involvement of Homeless Individuals

- To the maximum extent possible, involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted with ESG funds, in providing services assisted with ESG funds, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted with ESG funds.

Program Requirements: Minimum Written Standards for Determining Assistance

- Cities must develop and apply the same standards for all ESG programs
- States may apply the same standards, or they may require all ESG programs to develop their own standards
- IFA currently requires ESG programs to develop and apply their own standards
- Must be written
- Applied consistently

Review Form:

- Which standards apply to your agency/program?
- Which do you have in place already?
- Which do you need to develop/refine?
- Other considerations?

Client Files

Client File Checklists

- What are the key points?
- What is missing?
- What is different from your agency's forms?
- What should be changed?

Release of Information Notice of Data Collection

- What are your agency's ROI policies?
- Does your agency provide notice that IFA and/or HUD may have access to client information for program monitoring?
- If not using the HMIS Notice of Data Collection form, is your agency using an alternate DV form?
- Other considerations?

Participant Eligibility: Homeless/At-risk

- Definition of Homelessness/Definition of At-Risk
 - Four categories of Homelessness; three of At-Risk; note which one the client qualifies under in the client file
- Documenting Homeless/At-Risk status
 - What are the key points?
 - What should go in the client file?
 - What's different for HP or RRH?
 - What's different about shelters?

HP & RRH

Participant Eligibility: Income

- Note difference in HP and RRH income requirements
- Income eligibility not required for shelter
- Note income exclusions—such as income of minor children
- Income Eligibility Form & Zero-Income Affidavit
 - What are the key points?
 - What is missing?
 - What is different from your agency's forms?
 - What should be changed?
 - What other forms should be added?

HP & RRH

Participant Eligibility: Income (cont.)

- Income requirements
 - Documenting Area Median Income
 - Third-party verification of income: obtain client release to contact employer if necessary
 - Self-declaration of income
 - Zero-income affidavit
 - Certification/recertification

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility: Habitability

- Required for all HP, RRH:
 - Habitability inspections
 - Don't have to be HUD-certified
 - Different from Housing Quality Standards (for Section 8 and similar programs)
 - HQS more stringent in most areas (exception of fire safety)

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility: Lead Paint

- Required for all HP, RRH:
 - Lead-based paint inspections (some exceptions)
 - Only if unit built before 1978 AND
 - Child under six or pregnant women will live there
 - Some other exceptions (such as SRO)
 - Take short online training to become certified visual inspector (hour or so)

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility: Habitability and Lead, Continued

- Review forms:
 - What are the key points?
 - What is missing?
 - What is different from your agency's forms?
 - What should be changed?
 - What should be added?

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility for Rental Assistance: FMR

- Required for all HP & RRH Rental Assistance:
 - Fair Market Rent
 - Different from Rent Reasonableness—both are required
 - FMR includes the utility allowance already—so make sure to include utility with the rent when comparing the unit total rent with FMR!!!!
 - Document the applicable county FMR in the client file

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility for Rental Assistance: Rent Reasonableness

- Required for all HP & RRH Rental Assistance:
 - Rent Reasonableness (in addition to FMR)
 - Find three comparable units
 - Try IowaHousingSearch.org to locate comparables
 - Try to match up as many important characteristics as possible; make sure to add utility allowance as applicable
 - Proposed new Iowa ESG policy: average of three comparables must not be more than 10% above the proposed unit rent

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility for Rental Assistance: Cost (cont.)

- Review form:
 - What are the key points?
 - What is missing?
 - What is different from your agency's forms?
 - What should be changed?
 - What should be added?

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility for Rental Assistance: Landlords

- Required for all HP & RRH Rental Assistance:
 - Landlord agreements—written
 - Leases—written (exception only for arrears, can be oral)
 - Not the same thing!
 - Landlord agreements are between the landlord and agency; leases between the client and landlord
 - Landlord agreements must contain some key information—including that the landlord must notify the agency of any eviction action against the client

HP & RRH

Unit Eligibility for Rental Assistance: Landlords (cont.)

- Review form:
 - What are the key points?
 - What is missing?
 - What is different from your agency's forms?
 - What should be changed?
 - What should be added?

All Programs: Fair Housing

- Applies to all housing assisted under ESG
- Applies to all Shelters assisted under ESG
- Review posters
 - Does your agency already have these posted?
 - What locations should these be posted (multiple outreach locations, offices)?

Shelters: Some Key Requirements

- **Habitability:** Should document that shelter meets habitability requirements. Same requirements as for HP/RRH, with the addition of Accessibility. Document at least annually.
- **Fire safety:** Some particular requirements for fire safety. Include plan for hearing-impaired residents (mobile unit is okay).
- **Accessibility:** Should have a plan. If the shelter facility is not wheelchair-accessible, for example—have a plan for an alternate location for a client to receive services, such as a partner agency or hotel/motel.
- **Lead-based paint:** Should document that shelter has been regularly inspected (visual) for lead-paint (annually).
- **Prohibition against involuntary family separation.** The age of a child under age 18 must not be used as a basis for denying any family's admission to emergency shelter.

(All Programs)

Termination of Assistance

- Have a written policy for termination of assistance
- Have a written appeals policy: some particular requirements
 - appeal must be possible to someone other than the person who made the initial determination, or anyone that person supervises
- Ideal: clients sign that they have received notice of both

(All Programs)

Record of Clients Denied Services

- Must keep a written record of clients denied services
- Not necessary if a program is full and therefore not accepting clients
- Only necessary if a client is denied services because they do not meet eligibility or other program requirements

Monitoring

Monitoring

- Goals
 - Increase program knowledge, understanding, compliance with regulations
 - Learn more about individual programs
 - Meet HUD's requirements for monitoring
- Desk monitoring
 - With every draw
 - We will be in touch with any questions we have
 - May disallow expenses in some cases
- On-site visits
 - At least every two-three years

Monitoring: On-site Visits

- What to expect:
 - Typically we arrange in advance, some flexibility if necessary
 - Select random sampling of client files on site—usually around 10%, depending on total number of clients—usually around 5 total files
 - Select additional agency documentation for review: last month financial statements, board meeting minutes for the past year, recent audit/financial review, financial policies/procedures, program policies, personnel policies
 - If a shelter, will include a habitability inspection
 - May last three-four hours total
 - Include interviews with program staff, financial staff, case manager, and often a client (arranged by the agency)
 - Agency staff not required to be present for entire visit—most of visit is spent reviewing files and documentation

Monitoring Visit Follow-up

- We issue a letter detailing:
 - Findings: noncompliance with regulations
 - Concerns: issues that may lead to noncompliance
 - Recommendations: lesser concerns, suggestions for changes
- Letter will include:
 - An overview of what the visit found
 - Specific steps required
 - Timeline to complete follow-up steps
- If follow-up steps are completed:
 - In most cases, any findings or concerns are closed.

Monitoring Workbook

- Review workbook
 - What are the key areas monitored?
 - Who from your program would need to be involved?
 - Any surprises?

Financial Management

Budget Revision Form

- Review form
 - What programs need to complete this?
 - How does the form relate to the original application budget?
 - What are the key points?
 - When/where should this be submitted?

Draw Cover Form

- Review form:
 - What is different/similar to past years' forms?
 - How does it relate to overall draw package?
 - What information should be included?
 - When/where should this be submitted?

Draw Itemization Form

- Review form:
 - How is this different from the draw cover form?
 - How does it relate to overall draw package?
 - What information should be included?
 - When/where should this be submitted?

Data Reports with Draws

- Goals:
 - Data completeness
 - Data quality
 - Data timeliness
- Review sample report
 - How is this report obtained?
 - When/where should this be submitted?
 - How does it relate to the overall draw package?

Draws: Timesheets

- Timesheets
 - Should include totals of hours worked on ESG program, for each staff member
 - Should be signed by staff member and supervisor (electronic timesheets okay also)
 - If not included on the timesheets, need additional documentation that indicates the cost of the staff members' time (payroll reports, for example)

Draws: Receipts

- Receipts
 - Should be legible
 - Should be itemized
 - Should clearly indicate which items were paid with ESG
 - Should indicate a date expenses were incurred—within the time frame of the grant

Draws: Indirect Expenses

- Indirect Expenses
 - Can be claimed in any category
 - Different from Administrative expenses
 - Best if agency first obtains an approved federal indirect cost rate— from the agency’s “cognizant” federal agency (largest grantor)
 - Approved rates vary by agency, include different things
 - Must ensure not to double count by billing expenses directly that are already included in the indirect cost rate agreement
 - If an agency wants to claim indirect expenses, should work with IFA staff first to ensure they understand requirements

Draws: Match

- Match
 - Federal ESG requirement is 100% match
 - Requirement is at grant (IFA) level
 - IFA passes on the requirement to subgrantees in order to meet it
 - This year, will only require 75% match from subgrantees—25% portion offset at grant (IFA) level by the Shelter Assistance Fund program
 - May in future look at different arrangement to allocate this benefit to ESG subgrantees, according to different levels of agency difficulty obtaining match—but this was a way to transfer some benefit to agencies immediately this year
 - Match can be cash or in-kind
 - Match contribution must further the ESG goals, and meet all ESG requirements
 - Must document source of match (often a grant contract for another grant, or a record of volunteer hours, or a record of the value of a building)
 - Don't currently require documentation in each draw request of how the match was used to further the ESG program—but MAY require this periodically, or review this during on-site visits

Draws: Math

- Math
 - Double-check that the forms added your numbers right
 - Double-check that the Draw Cover Form and Draw Itemization Form totals match
 - Double-check that all documentation is in the same order as the forms
 - If an expense has already been paid in one category, can't change the category later on (HUD treats as separate accounts that we draw from)
 - If you're not sure what your current totals are in each category, ask Judy!

Review: Sample Draw Documentation

- Review sample draw documents
 - Is the documentation sufficient?
 - Are the expenses eligible?
 - How/where would it be recorded in the draw worksheets?
 - How would the packet be organized?
 - When/where would it be submitted
 - Is anything missing?

Submitting Draws

- Submit to Judy by mail, email, or fax (if fax, make sure to note that it is for Judy, or Homeless Programs)
- Submit at least quarterly
- May submit monthly
- Deadlines: end of month following end of quarter
- Should include all applicable expenses for that quarter—we may refuse draws submitted late
- Submit final draw by end of January of following year

Budget Revisions

- Will usually accept budget revisions, in advance
- Any changes between major categories (Street Outreach, Shelter, HP, RRH, Data, or Admin); also between sub-categories—HUD requires that we track each of them separately
- If within a subcategory (example, from paying utilities for a shelter to paying for pest management for a shelter, not necessary—all Shelter Operations)

New HUD Financial Management Curriculum

The screenshot displays the HUD Exchange website in a web browser. The address bar shows the URL <https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/financial-management-curriculum>. The page header features the HUD Exchange logo, a search bar with the text "Search Resources" and a "GO" button, and a navigation menu with links: Home, Manage a Program, News, Training & Events (selected), Get Assistance, and About Grantees. A secondary navigation bar includes "Login to My HUD Exchange", "About", "Email Updates", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Financial Management Curriculum" and includes the following text:

Completing the financial management curriculum will assist grantees and subrecipients to comply with federal grant requirements, increase effectiveness, and maximize efficiency. The first course, Financial Management 101, provides an introduction to key topics and financial management basics. Courses available next year will cover advanced topics in financial management.

HUD recommends users complete the curriculum in the following order:

1. View the video
2. View the Prezi
3. Take the online module

Below the list is a link: [View detailed instructions on how to use the Financial Management Curriculum](#). The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 2:42 PM on 12/2/2014.

New HUD Financial Management Curriculum (continued)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Get in Gear: Core Components of Sound Financial Management

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This online, self-paced module provides an overview of financial management core topics: Audits, Budgeting, Federal Cost Principles,

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Contracts

- Due back within 45 days of receipt; include additional documents sent with the contract
- Let us know if there is a reason more time is needed for an item
- Shelters: need documentation of local government approval—signed one-page form; HUD doesn't provide detail on anything more this needs to include—just that the local government is aware of and supports the shelter providing services in that locality through ESG

Record Retention

- Maintain books, records and documents in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance for a period of 5 years beyond the end of the grant period.

Conflict of Interest

- Some key points:
 - ESG assistance may not be conditioned on an individual's or family's acceptance or occupancy of emergency shelter or housing owned by the Recipient, or a parent or subsidiary of the Recipient. No Recipient may, with respect to individuals or families occupying housing owned by the Recipient, or any parent or subsidiary of the Recipient, carry out the initial evaluation required.
 - No person who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to activities assisted under the ESG program, or who is in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to activities assisted under the program, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from an assisted activity; have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to an assisted activity; or have a financial interest in the proceeds derived from an assisted activity, either for him or herself or for those with whom he or she has immediate family or business ties, during his or her tenure or during the one-year period following his or her tenure.

Other Requirements

- Review the Sub-Grant Agreement
- Review HUD regulations
- Things like:
 - Confidentiality
 - Drug-free workplace
 - Equal opportunity
 - Affirmative outreach

Data Collection & Reporting

Data Reporting

- HUD's current ESG annual report is the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).
- This report currently ties in to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.
- Also now required to submit an additional ESG-specific "Transitional" CAPER.
- IFA submits this report on behalf of all ESG activities.
- Pulls from information mostly already submitted by subgrantees—financial information, plus aggregate client information from HMIS system
- DV agencies must submit additional separate report, since we can't pull aggregate client information.
- IFA submits the CAPER in HUD's IDIS system.
- HUD is still developing their annual reporting for ESG; likely to expand further.

(separate slides)

ESG Resources

- Where can you go for key information?
- Where can you ask questions of HUD?
- What resources do you need to locate for your program?
- What resources could IFA help to develop?

IFA ESG Resources

500 Strong
The State Revolving Fund has assisted more than 500 Iowa communities to finance the design and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure to ensure Iowans have access to clean water.

PROGRAMS

- IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
- EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
- HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS
- SHELTER ASSISTANCE FUND

Emergency Solutions Grant

NOTICE The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) Board of Directors has approved the 2015 Calendar Year Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funding awards. For award details, click [here](#).

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program is a federal program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The Iowa Finance Authority manages the Iowa statewide allocation of ESG funds and some cities in Iowa manage additional independent federal allocations.

Eligible Applicants

- Units of general purpose local governments (not to include local public housing authorities)

ESG NOTICE

9/29/14: 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development DRAFT Documents Available

FORMS & RESOURCES

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A Helping Hand
The Iowa Agricultural Development Division helps make dreams of owning and managing a crop or livestock operation come true through programs designed specifically to assist beginning Iowa farmers.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

- 2015 Program
- 2014 Program
- 2013 Program
- Program Management
- Financial Management
- Data Collection and Reporting

HUD ESG Resources

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.hudexchange.info/esg/>. The page features the HUD Exchange logo and navigation links: Home, Manage a Program, News, Training & Events, Get Assistance, and About Grantees. A search bar is present with the text "Search Resources" and a "GO" button. The main content area is titled "Emergency Solutions Grants Program" and includes a paragraph about the HEARTH Act and ESG program details. A sidebar on the right contains links: "Join a Mailing List", "Contact an ESG Grantee", "View ESG FAQs", "Ask an ESG Question", and "View ESG Awards". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 12/2/2014 and the time as 2:35 PM.

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Emergency Solutions Grants Program

The [Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 \(HEARTH Act\)](#) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, revising the Emergency Shelter Grants Program in significant ways and renaming it the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The ESG Interim Rule took effect on January 4, 2012. The second allocation of FY 2011 ESG funding and future years are all subject to the ESG regulations. The first allocation of FY 2011 ESG funding and prior years are subject to the [Emergency Shelter Grants Program](#) regulations. [View HUD Secretary Donovan's video](#) introducing the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.

- [Learn about ESG Requirements](#)
- [View ESG Law, Regulations, and Notices](#)
- [View the SNAPS Weekly Focus](#)

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HUD Fair Market Rent

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html>. The page header includes the HUD User logo, the text "Secretary Julián Castro", and a "SHARE" button with social media icons. A navigation bar contains links: HOME, ABOUT PD&R, RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS, DATA SETS, INITIATIVES, QUICK LINKS, and EVENTS. The main content area features a large banner with a house icon and the text "DATA SETS". Below this, the section "Fair Market Rents" is highlighted. Under "FMR Documentation", there is a link for "Fair Market Rents: Overview (*.doc, 112 KB)". A section titled "ACCESS INDIVIDUAL FMR AREA INFORMATION" contains a "NOTE" stating that official FMRs from the Federal Register may differ from HUD calculations and should be used for all official purposes, with a link to "more details". On the right, a "TOPIC AREAS" sidebar lists various topics, including "50th Percentile Rent Estima", "American Housing Survey", "Annual Adjustment Factors", "Assisted Housing: National", "CINCH", "Consolidated Planning", "Data Set R", and "Fair Marke". A tooltip is visible over the "Data Set R" link, displaying the text "Click here to provide".

http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html

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Fair Market Rents

FMR Documentation

Fair Market Rents: Overview (*.doc, 112 KB)

ACCESS INDIVIDUAL FMR AREA INFORMATION

NOTE: Official FMRs, as published in the Federal Register (links below), may differ slightly from those calculated in the documentation systems, and should be used for ALL official purposes ([more details](#)).

TOPIC AREAS

- 50th Percentile Rent Estima
- American Housing Survey
- Annual Adjustment Factors
- Assisted Housing: National
- CINCH
- Consolidated Planning
- Data Set R [Click here to provide](#)
- Fair Marke

HUD Median Income Limits for ESG

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the HUD Exchange website. The URL bar shows <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4018/2014>. The page header features the HUD Exchange logo and navigation links: Home, Manage a Program, News, Training & Events, Get Assistance, and About Grantees. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "Data and Limits" and "HUD Guidance". The resource title is "2014 HUD Median Income Limits - 30%", with a date published of August 2014. The description states: "This document provides the 2014 HUD Median Income Limits for each state, based on 30 percent of median family income." A link for "2014 HUD Median Income Limits - 30% (PDF)" is provided. On the right side, a sidebar lists metadata: "Resource Approver: HUD Approved", "Author Organization: HUD", and "Topic: Program Requirements" with sub-points: "Rent Limits" and "Rent Standard/Rent Reasonableness". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 2:40 PM on 12/2/2014.

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Data and Limits
HUD Guidance

2014 HUD Median Income Limits - 30%

Date Published: August 2014

Description

This document provides the 2014 HUD Median Income Limits for each state, based on 30 percent of median family income.

[2014 HUD Median Income Limits - 30% \(PDF\)](#)

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Topic:

- Program Requirements**
 - Rent Limits
 - Rent Standard/Rent Reasonableness

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- Have you been to training?
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